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WEST SIDE NEWS.

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West Side News.

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Wilbur Wright - - - - Editor
Orville Wright - - - - Publisher

TERMS:—Quarter of year, twenty cents.
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DAYTON, OHIO.

Railroad Sociability.

"Speaking about the sociability of railroad travelers," said the man with the crutches and a watch pocket over his eye, "I never got so well acquainted with the passengers on a train as I did the other day on the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. We were going at the rate of about thirty miles an hour, and another train from the other direction telescoped us. We were all thrown into each other's society, and brought into immediate social contact, so to speak.

"I went over and sat in the lap of a corpulent lady from Manitoba, and a girl from Chicago went over nine seats and sat down on the plug hat of a preacher from La Crosse, with so much timid, girlish enthusiasm that it shoved his hat clean down over his shoulders.

"Everybody seemed to lay aside the usual cool reserve of strangers, and we made ourselves entirely at home.

"A shy young man, with an emaciated oil-cloth valise, suddenly left his own seat and went over and sat down in a lunch-basket where a bridal couple seemed to be wrestling with their first picnic. Do you suppose that reticent young man would have done such a thing on ordinary occasions? Do you think if he had been at a celebration at home he would have risen impetuously and gone where those people were eating by themselves and sat down in the cranberry jelly of a total stranger? I should rather think not.

"Why, one old man, who probably, at home, led the class-meeting, and who was as dignified as Brother Jones' father, was eating a piece of custard-pie when we met the other train and he left his own seat and went over to the front end of the car and shot that piece of custard-pie into the ear of a beautiful widow from Iowa.

"People traveling somehow forget the austerity of their homes and form acquaintances that sometimes last through life.—*Laramie Boomerang.*

Encourage your Boy.

Too many men make their boys feel that they are of little or no account while they are boys. Lay a responsibility on a boy, and he will meet it in a manful spirit. On no account ignore their disposition to investigate. Help them to understand things. Encourage them to understand what they are about. We are too apt to treat a boy's seeking after knowledge as mere idle curiosity. "Don't ask questions" is poor advice to boys. If you do not explain puzzling things to them, you oblige them to make many experiments before they find out; and though experimental knowledge is best in one sense, in another it is not, for that which can be explained clearly does not need experimenting with. If the principle involved is understood, there is no further trouble, and the boy can go ahead intelligently.

Do not wait for the boy to grow up before you begin to treat him as an equal. A proper amount of confidence, and words of encouragement and advice, and give him to understand that you trust him in many ways, helps to make a man of him long before he is a man in either stature or years.

Give him tools, and let him find out for himself whether he has got any mechanical taste or not. Do not discourage him, as parents are apt to do, by saying, "Oh, it is no use for you to try to do anything with tools. I never have any taste that way, and of course you have not." If a boy finds he can make a few articles with his hand, it tends to make him rely on himself. And the planning that is necessary for the execution of the work is a discipline and an education of great value to him. The future welfare and happiness of the boy depends on the surroundings of his youth. When he arrives at that period in his life when he is obliged to choose what profession or what line of business to follow, it is highly important that he should take no false step. And if in his youth he has cultivated a taste for any particular branch, the choice of a profession or business will be made more easy.—*Architect and Building News.*

"When a railroad is to be built in America, the first thing to do is to break the ground, which is done with great ceremony. The next thing is to break the share-holders, which is done without ceremony."

A Parrot Story,

We saw some years ago at the Castle of Caernarvon in North Wales, a parrot that spoke in three languages, French, English, and Welsh; and we have read many wonderful stories in regard to what various parrots have said, but never anything funnier than this: Two English sailors went ashore with their parrot in a Japanese port to see one of the famous jugglers. At every trick one of the sailors would say, "Now, wasn't that clever? Wonder what he'll do next?" After a large number of tricks, followed each time with the same remark, the juggler made a mistake and dropped a burning stick on a pile of fireworks. The bombs and crackers exploded, tore off a part of the thatched roof, dispersed the audience, and scorched the parrot's tail-feathers. The explosion was hardly over when the parrot called out: "Now, wasn't that clever? wonder what he'll do next?"

What Made the Minister Laugh.

"Well brethren," said a Maine minister to some of his fellow-evangelists, "I never was guilty of laughing in the pulpit but once. Some years ago I had in my congregation an old man who universally went to sleep in church and snored very loudly throughout the entire service. One Sunday morning, glancing in his direction, I saw him as usual, with his head back, enjoying a nap, and right above him, in the gallery, sat a young man rolling a large quid of tobacco around in his mouth. As I looked he took it out, and pressing it into a ball poised it carefully over the open mouth below. I became so interested in the proceedings that I forgot to continue the sermon, but stood watching the young man. With a wicked smile he took careful aim and dropped it squarely into the old man's mouth. With a gulp-ly-lp the sleeper started up and with face as red as a beet rushed from the house. The people no doubt, were horrified, but I could not have kept from laughing if a sword had hung over my head ready to fall. The old man did not come back for several Sundays, and when he did he changed his seat and remained wide awake."

The worst thing about falling into an error is that the average man does not take the trouble to climb out again.

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This issue of the News was put up in great haste. Our readers will please overlook a number of weak points. In the future we hope to be able to give the paper that careful attention which will render it worthy of the section of the city it represents.

It is useless for any one to go to Europe to try mountain climbing, while Summit Street remains in its present condition; unless they simply wish to practice a while before trying the ascent at home.

Some of our enterprising citizens should start a summer hotel and health resort on the banks of the beautiful lakelet, east of Williams Street, where the sewage from our gutters is allowed to accumulate and form "mineral water."

West Side Business.

It has not been many years since all the people of Miami City bought all their groceries on the other side of the river. But now the number who do not patronize our home groceries is small in proportion to the number of those who do. Our people found that it was possible for groceries to be sold as cheaply on the West Side as over in the city, if our grocers were given sufficient patronage by our West Side people. Every one can see that this new state of affairs has been of great advantage to our part of the city. The money that used to go to town now remains in Miami City. The money that used to be spent in building business blocks on the other side of the river is now spent in putting up buildings on this side of the river. The profits of the grocery business used to be entirely lost to us. Now this money is spent in putting up residences, and otherwise improving the West Side.

What has been done in one line of business can be done in others. Nearly ten thousand people live west of the river. If all these did all their trading at home, we would soon have three or four dry goods stores as large as any in Dayton; we would have several shoe stores, instead of none; we would have furniture stores, book-stores, clothing stores, and stores of every kind, where we could do just as well as we now do in town. Every property holder will at once see how greatly it would add to

the value of his property, if we had fifteen or twenty new stores on the West Side. It would be a great thing for us in every way. We would all rejoice to see this accomplished, but no one seems to have the courage to go to work to secure it. If every one was fully determined to do their buying in our West Side stores, it would not be long till Third Street would be studded with stores. If the city merchants saw that our people were not coming to them, they would come to us. They would put up buildings, and come to live among us, and help to build up our part of the city.

But what practical steps should we take to secure this end? It is not to be expected that all the people on the West Side can be induced in a moment to do all their trading at home. We may argue and demonstrate that the increase in the value of their property will more than repay them for any financial loss at first, resulting from trading at home; but they will still be unconvinced. But while this can not be done at once, it can be done in time. It will take work. If our West Side dealers think customers will come to them without any effort on their part, they will be mistaken. They must keep it constantly before the minds of the people that they have got stores. They must make every effort to induce people to call and look over their stock. They must try hard to send their customers away well pleased with their purchases. If they do this, their trade will grow.

On the other hand, our people should make it a point to see what our West Side dealers can do before buying in town. Give them all the trade you can. Do not be afraid they will get too rich. If they are making money too fast, other merchants will come crowding in, and the West Side will receive the benefit of it all.

Improvement Association.

Last Saturday evening a meeting was held in the Miller and Drury building on the corner of Third and Summit Streets to form an organization to secure improvements on the West Side. Committees were appointed and after a few speeches the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place last Thursday evening. At the time set a number of our energetic citizens met and formed an organization to be known as the West Side Improvement Association. D. R. Miller was chosen president; Henry Webbert, vice-president; John Collins, secretary; and J. A. Gilbert, treasurer. A constitution was adopted, by the terms of which any property holder on the West Side may become a member on the payment of a fee of fifty cents. Another meeting will be held next Thursday, April 25th.

LOCAL NEWS.

A suit of clothing was stolen from Barclow's livery stable last Monday night.

Officer Frank McBride will soon move into his new home on North Broadway.

W. E. Anderson returned last Tuesday from visiting relatives at Ansonia, O.

Dr. F. C. Gray and Chas. E. Gay of Lewisburg, Ohio were in the city a few days this week.

The Third street railroad is making some repairs in front of their stables in the West End.

Miss Clara Custer, who has been visiting her brother Dr. L. Custer has returned to her home at New Philadelphia.

Rev. Mr. Vaughn, pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, preached at the Broadway church last Sunday.

A German band has been in Miami City making the day hideous with its noise for several weeks past.

Rev. C. E. Pilgrim was in the city a few hours last Monday morning. He is engaged in a meeting at Union City.

Mrs. J. I. Hoffman of North Summit street, has been on a short visit to her old home near Miamisburg.

The Philomathean society of the Central High School paid the NEWS office a short visit Friday evening.

"Big Joe" Hoffman's new grocery wagon is a beauty. It is from the shop of H. V. Koogler and Son.

Chadwick and Francisco are removing their iron fence works to the premises formerly occupied by Wight's Lumber Yard.

George Sweney and Charles Pippenger started for the West, Wednesday, to "seek their fortunes there." They expect to locate in Iowa.

An old soldier fell in a fainting fit on Baxter Street near Third Tuesday evening about eight o'clock. He soon recovered sufficiently to be removed in the patrol wagon.

L. M. Brown is the West Side groundhog. About six weeks ago he appeared in a straw hat and so frightened the warm weather with his shadow that it turned cold and remained rather cool till within the last few days.

Harry Ellis and Claude Chrisman went fishing last week and had fine luck. They didn't catch many fish but judging by appearances, Chrisman must have obtained a victor's crown of poison ivy and worn it around his neck.

A few improvements are being made on the Christian church, on the corner of Broadway and Home Ave. A door is being placed in the front wall of the lecture room, so that it will be possible to enter the room directly from the front hall-way.

If some one should tell us they saw Ed. Gilbert in Hoffman's grocery we would be at a loss to know just what he meant. There are three Ed. Gilberts, and three Hoffman's groceries so that the statement might be understood in nine different ways.

The two year old child of J. W. Brock who resides on Fitch Street, met with a terrible death last Monday. A boiler full of hot water had just been poured into the tub when the woman who was washing stepped from the room a moment. In some way the child fell into the water and before it could be removed, was so badly scalded that death resulted in a few hours. Its sufferings were terrible.

An exciting runaway occurred on Third Street last Tuesday. Two gentlemen passing drew up their horses to speak to each other a moment. But the Texas pony which was hitched to one wagon thought the conversation too protracted, so it suddenly jumped forward throwing the wagon to which it was attached against the wheel of the buggy opposite and spilled the occupants of both wagons in the dust. The pony then ran up Third Street and in spite of several heroic attempts to stop it on the part of Grant Nicholas and others, it finally disappeared over the hill toward the west.

The Grand Army of the Republic will hold their encampment in Dayton next week, April 24th., 25th. and 26th.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Perry Pease, on Hawthorne Street, last Tuesday, between Mr. Charles Pexton and Miss. Cleaver.

The directors of the Orphans' Home, on Summit Street, have purchased a few acres of land adjoining the old property on the North, and are engaged in leveling off the upper part of it for a lawn. The part below the hill will be laid out as a garden. In the old lawn in front of the building, quite a tasteful change is being made also. The old straight walk leading from the street is being filled up, and a curved walk, similar to that of Mr. Kuhns', will take its place. When the new lawn becomes covered with rice green grass the grounds will present a beautiful appearance. About one hundred and thirty children are living at the home.

Improvement Notes.

The work of laying cement walks still goes on.

Mr. Chadwick is adding a fine veranda to his house on Summit Street.

S. E. Kemp has put down a new walk around his residence on Water Street.

George Dornbush is building a good two story frame house on First Street.

Alf Feight's new house on Horace street is approaching completion.

A. Zitter is adding a beautiful veranda to his residence on Bank Street.

Mr. Rowe has built a new fence about his residence on Williams Street.

A nice large frame residence is being erected on Horace street, by Mr. Dick Smith.

J. A. Smith is putting up a large frame residence near the corner of Fifth and Horace.

Newt. Zehring is building a two story brick house on Horace Street between Third and Fourth streets.

J. H. Hohler's new house on Sprague Street is receiving its finishing touches. The painters are now at work on it.

Several new buildings are going up on Home Avenue between Broadway and Summit Street.

Chas. Webbert is erecting a neat little stable in the rear of his residence on the corner of Fifth and Broadway.

Dave Kimmel's "nailless" building has been nailed, and another room has been added to it.

Frank Ripps will soon build a double brick house on Hawthorn Street below Fifth.

J. H. Link is building a large frame house on the corner of Hawthorne and German-town streets. It will be used for a grocery and meatshop.

An addition is being made to the Miller and Drury building on the corner of Third and Summit.

J. S. Corbett is improving his house on South Williams by the erection of a new veranda.

First Street between Williams and Broadway is taking a boom. Mr. M. Neil already has five large two story frame houses in course of erection and he expects to put up several more.

No part of Miami City is improving faster than that section lying between Baxter Street and the river. Only a few years ago this was what the boys called the big commons. Where Mound Street now runs we used to hunt acorns in a wooded pasture land. Fifth Street extended no farther east than Baxter. Home Avenue, Cedar Road, Horace, Sprague and Bank Streets, were lying in a state of "innocuous desuetude." But ten years has made a wonderful change in the appearance of this part of town.

The third quarterly-meeting of the year will be held at the Broadway M. E. Church, Sunday, April 28th.

There are three Presbyterian elders in President Harrison's cabinet—Wanamaker, Noble, and Miller.

Rev. E. Light, of this city, is to deliver the annual address at the coming commencement of Otterbein University.

The presiding elder, Rev. A. Bowers, will preach at the Broadway M. E. Church, next Wednesday evening.

A special Easter sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. G. M. Mathews, at the Summit Street U. B. Church, Sunday morning. There will be some Easter music by a quartette. The evening services will be enlivened by a song by a quartette of young ladies.

The old Christian church on the corner of Brown and Sixth Streets is soon to be torn down to make way for a new building. The new church will be a handsome structure much larger than the old, and is expected to cost about fifteen thousand dollars.

GENERAL NEWS.

John Bright left an estate worth about a million dollars.

Documents have been found which seem to prove that Boulanger has been tampering with the French army.

The jury in the C. B. & Q. dynamite case decided the accused men, Broderick and Godding, guilty as charged.

John Bright's son has been elected to fill the seat in Parliament made vacant by the father's death.

The King of Belgium is said to contemplate a journey to the Congo in hope of starting a boom in the interior of Africa.

The largest fire which New York has seen for years occurred last Friday. The loss amounts to about three and one-half millions.

Messrs. Kasson, Phelps and Bates the American commissioners to the Samoan conference at Berlin, are now on their way across the Atlantic.

The severity of the winter is increasing the distress caused by the famine in Shang-Tung and Manchuria, China. It is estimated that 1,500,000 persons are starving.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. having neglected to place their wires underground, the authorities of New York sent out several gangs of choppers to cut down the poles on which the wires were stretched.

Every effort is being made to preserve peace in Oklahoma when the clocks strike twelve, next Monday. The authorities are taking precautions to prevent the

introduction of liquor into the territory, and a strong force of soldiers will be on hand to suppress any disorder which may arise.

The steamer Danmark with about 700 passengers aboard has been wrecked. The drifting hull of the vessel was seen by a passing steamer, several weeks ago, but the passengers were not on it. It is feared that they are lost. The arrival of every vessel is looked forward to with the greatest interest, in the hope that it will bring tidings of the passengers of the ill-fated ship.

Within a radius of sixty miles of Nashville, Tenn., there is found a tree that is said to be shittim wood of ark fame. Celebrated botanists from all over the country have examined the trees and say they grow nowhere else on the globe. They have decided that it is shittim wood of which Noah's ark was constructed, mention of which is made several times in the Bible. The tree is medium sized, with very dark, smooth bark, and the wood is of a bright gold color. In spring the trees are laden with long white blossoms, closely resembling great ostrich plumes. There seems to be no doubt about the identity of the trees, and it is remarkable that they are found only in this small area and so few at that.

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"A wise man will step backward off a porch or into a mud puddle, a great philosopher will hunt for the specks that are in his hand or on his forehead, a hunter will sometimes shoot himself or his dog. A working girl had been feeding a great cloth cutting knife for ten years. One day she watched the great knife come down slowly upon her hand. Too late she woke out of her stupor with one hand gone. For a few seconds her mind had failed, and she sat by her machine a temporary lunatic and had watched the knife approach her own hand. A distinguished professor was teaching near a canal. Walking along one evening in summer he walked as deliberately into the canal as he had been walking along the path a second before. He was brought to his senses by the water and the mud and the absurdity of the situation. He had on a new suit of clothes and a new silk hat, but though the damage was thus great, he still laughs over the adventure. Our mail collectors find in the iron boxes along the streets all sorts of papers and articles which have been dropped into the box by some hand from whose motions the mind has become detached for a second.

A glove, a pair of spectacles, a deed, a mortgage, a theater ticket, goes in, and on goes the person, holding on to the regular letters which should have been deposited.

This is called absent-mindedness, but is a brief lunacy."—*Sel.*

How Thunder Storms Come up.

A scientific journal explains in a long article, "How thunder storms come up." We haven't read the article, but we know how they come up. They wait until the Sunday-school picnic reaches the grove and gets fairly to business at copenhagen, swinging, flirtations, croquet and other innocent games, and then they come up like thunder and lightning. It takes the average thunder storm not more than ten minutes to come up in the neighborhood of a picnic.

What he Caught.

An indignant Tennessean who had vainly tried to get the floor in the national House of Representatives, said, "I have been a member of the house for three successive sessions, and during that time I have caught the measles, the whooping-cough, and the influenza, but I have never able to catch the Speakers eye."

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